

Mrs. Stokes' primary profession was as an insurance agent, but she found great joy in pursuing her passion as a photographic artist, taking her on many new adventures in her adult life. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes conducted photo shoots across the United States, in Canada, and even Italy. Canada's "wild and untamed beauty" captivated Caroline, as she often expressed a desire to live in the beautiful country. The "McCutcheon Clan" in Ontario were wonderful friends to the Stokes and considered them honorary McCutcheons, sharing many years of friendship.

In addition to her knack for photography, Caroline was an avid reader, painter, and enthusiastic traveler. As a woman of faith, Caroline greatly cherished her travel to Assisi, as St. Francis of Assisi was her favorite saint. She was a music lover, enjoying a variety of genres and artists. Her family says that her music tastes ranged from Willie Nelson and Neil Diamond to opera, Pavarotti, Julio Iglesias, and Yanni as well as Soul and Polish music.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Caroline Stokes led by example, demonstrating the impact one person can make on the lives of so many by embodying the values that connect us. Caroline's devotion to her family and friends, along with her passion for travelling and the arts will continue to inspire those who knew her for a long time to come. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Caroline Stokes.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA THARPE
RAINES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving wife, dedicated mother, dotting grandmother and a woman after God's own heart, First Lady Emeritus Barbara Tharpe Raines. Sadly, First Lady Raines passed from labor to reward after a long and fruitful journey of service to humankind. A service celebrating her remarkable life will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 in Macon, Georgia at 12:00 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex. She leaves a legacy of service that is worthy of emulation.

Barbara Tharpe Raines was born on January 30, 1951, in Macon, Georgia to the late James Bryant and Alma Jones Tharpe. She was the oldest of six children.

First Lady Raines was a lifelong learner and was a proud product of the Bibb County School System, graduating from Ballard Hudson High School in 1968. The next stop on her educational journey was Fort Valley State College (now University), graduating in 1972 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education. She also received a Master's Degree in Counseling from Georgia College and State University with more study at Georgia Southern University.

Equipped with great educational tools, she embarked on a thirty-year education career, serving in multiple roles, including First Grade Teacher, Second Grade Teacher and Guidance Counselor. She retired from the Bibb

County School system with her final duty station at Burghurd Elementary School. Never one to rest on her laurels or one to stop trying to help those in need, she came out of retirement to do independent counseling for the school system, setting up independent counseling programs and serving as she did so often in her life as a mentor for new counselors. First Lady Raines was also an instructor with Hicks and Hicks Associates of Atlanta, Georgia, where she taught child development courses.

Central to her life and character was her commitment to God that she formed at an early age. An unbreakable bond was cemented with her beloved husband and life partner, the Reverend Curtis Raines as they were both founding members of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church. She and Rev. Raines were members of the church's Youth Department and played an integral role in the Church's spiritual and social development. First Lady Raines and Reverend Raines formed a true partnership as she became a deaconess and he became a deacon under the leadership of their pastor at Mount Vernon, the Reverend Dr. Henry Ficklin.

Applying the lessons that he learned at Mount Vernon, Reverend Raines began his own ministerial journey along with First Lady Raines who supported him at every turn, as a sterling example of what a First Lady should be. She served as the First Lady of New Pilgrim Baptist Church for 34 years and Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Bolingbroke for 31 years. First Lady Raines was involved with many ministries that had as their goal the development of the whole person.

When Reverend Raines became President of the General Missionary Convention of Georgia, First Lady Raines was once again a full partner with her husband serving in numerous capacities with the Convention.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged sympathetic with the striving and tolerant with the weak and strong, because someday in your life you will have been all of these."

First Lady Emeritus Barbara Raines used her life's work to help people from all walks of life. She was a member of many social and civic organizations to include the Macon Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Bibb Retired Education Association and Retired Counselors, Mentor at the Macon Youth Development Center, Rainbow Grief Counselor, Co-Team Captain of American Cancer Society, Former Member of the American Lung Association, and Cancer Relay for Life.

Because of her remarkable service to others, she has been recognized by local, state and national organizations.

Besides being one of God's Children, her greatest role in life was being a dedicated wife, loving mother and grandmother. As outlined already, she supported and served as the greatest cheerleader to her husband of almost 44 years, Rev. Curtis Raines in various endeavors. Moreover, she always supported her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have known a woman with the grace, class and dignity of First Lady Emeritus Barbara Tharpe Raines. I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our

deepest condolences to her family, friends and all who mourn her loss. May they be comforted by their faith, the grace of God and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER JEAN MONESTIME FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner Jean Monestime of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for his exemplary accomplishments and commitment to the betterment of the residents of South Florida. Commissioner Monestime served as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners during my first term as Mayor. He is a true public servant that has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents in District 2 and our entire community.

Commissioner Monestime has been a fighter his entire career. In 2010, he became the first Haitian American to serve on the Board of County Commissioners. He has fought relentlessly to expand opportunities for others. Commissioner Monestime has a long history of advocating for equal justice and economic development throughout Miami-Dade County. He has served on numerous boards and nationally recognized organizations to make sure that the economy in South Florida works for all people and that there is equal opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds.

I have known Commissioner Monestime for a very long time, and I am proud of our work together. He has helped bring much-needed economic growth to some of the most impoverished areas of our county and has always focused his energy on the most vulnerable. I look forward to seeing how he continues his career and thank him for his years of service to the residents of Miami-Dade.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY OF
SPC SOLOMON DOSS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SPC Solomon Doss.

On the morning of August 13, 2022, while on duty as a Piedmont Police Officer, SPC Solomon J Doss received a call to respond to an active structure fire. When he arrived on the scene with his partner, they saw flames and heavy smoke coming from the house and assessed that there was no time to wait for additional help. On scene, they coordinated briefly with an off-duty officer that had already attempted to gain entry but had been forced to exit due to the severity of the smoke and fire.

Without hesitation, SPC Doss entered the structure in search of the occupant but was forced back out for clean air and to clear his lungs. He then reentered the structure in a